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Indiana Academic Standards Context and Purpose

Introduction

The Indiana Academic Standards for Chemistry are the result of a process designed to identify, evaluate, synthesize, and create high-quality, rigorous learning expectations for Indiana students.

Pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 20-31-3-1(c-d), the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) facilitated the prioritization of the Indiana Academic Standards. All standards are required to be taught. Standards identified as essential for mastery by the end of the course are indicated with the word “Essential” under the standard number.

The Indiana Academic Standards are designed to ensure that all Indiana students, upon graduation, are prepared with essential knowledge and skills needed to access employment, enrollment, or enlistment leading to service.

What are the Indiana Academic Standards and how should they be used?

The Indiana Academic Standards for Grades K-12 Science are based on *A Framework for K-12 Science Education* (NRC, 2012) and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS Lead States, 2013). The following conceptual shifts reflect what is new about these science standards. The Indiana Academic Standards for Science:

- Reflect science as it is practiced and experienced in the real world;
- Build logically from kindergarten through grade 12;
- Focus on deeper understanding as well as application of content; and
- Integrate practices, crosscutting concepts, and core ideas.

The K-12 Science Indiana Academic Standards outline the knowledge, science, and engineering practices that all students should learn by the end of high school. The standards are three-dimensional because each student performance expectation engages students at the nexus of the following three dimensions:

- **Dimension 1** describes scientific and engineering practices.
- **Dimension 2** describes crosscutting concepts, overarching science concepts that apply across science disciplines.
- **Dimension 3** describes core ideas in the science disciplines.

Science and Engineering Practices (as found in NGSS)

The eight practices describe what scientists use to investigate and build models and theories of the world around them or that engineers use as they build and design systems. The practices are essential for all students to learn and are as follows:

1. Asking questions (for science) and defining problems (for engineering);
2. Developing and using models;

3. Planning and carrying out investigations;
4. Analyzing and interpreting data;
5. Using mathematics and computational thinking;
6. Constructing explanations for science and designing solutions for engineering;
7. Engaging in argument from evidence; and
8. Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information.

Crosscutting Concepts (*as found in NGSS*)

The seven crosscutting concepts bridge disciplinary boundaries and unit core ideas throughout the fields of science and engineering. Their purpose is to help students deepen their understanding of the disciplinary core ideas, and develop a coherent, and scientifically based view of the world. The seven crosscutting concepts are as follows:

1. *Patterns*. Observed patterns of forms and events guide organization and classification, and prompt questions about relationships and the factors that influence them.
2. *Cause and Effect: Mechanism and Explanation*. Events have causes, sometimes simple, sometimes multifaceted. A major activity of science is investigating and explaining causal relationships and the mechanisms by which they are mediated. Such mechanisms can then be tested across given contexts and used to predict and explain events in new contexts.
3. *Scale, Proportion, and Quantity*. In considering phenomena, it is critical to recognize what is relevant at different measures of size, time, and energy and to recognize how changes in scale, proportion, or quantity affect a system's structure or performance.
4. *Systems and System Models*. Defining the system under study—specifying its boundaries and making explicit a model of that system—provides tools for understanding and testing ideas that are applicable throughout science and engineering.
5. *Energy and Matter: Flows, Cycles, and Conservation*. Tracking fluxes of energy and matter into, out of, and within systems helps one understand the systems' possibilities and limitations.
6. *Structure and Function*. The way in which an object or living thing is shaped and its substructure determines many of its properties and functions.
7. *Stability and Change*. For natural and built systems alike, conditions of stability and determinants of rates of change or evolution of a system are critical elements of study.

Disciplinary Core Ideas (*as found in NGSS*)

The disciplinary core ideas describe the content that occurs at each grade or course. The K-12 Science Indiana Academic Standards focus on a limited number of core ideas in science and engineering both within and across the disciplines and are built on the notion of learning as a developmental progression. The Disciplinary Core Ideas are grouped into the following domains:

- Physical Science (PS)
- Life Science (LS)
- Earth and Space Science (ESS)

- Engineering, Technology and Applications of Science (ETS)

While the Indiana Academic Standards establish key expectations for knowledge and skills and should be used as the basis for curriculum, the standards by themselves do not constitute a curriculum. It is the responsibility of the local school corporation to select and formally adopt curricular tools, including textbooks and any other supplementary materials, that align with Indiana Academic Standards. Additionally, corporation and school leaders should consider the appropriate instructional sequence of the standards as well as the length of time needed to teach each standard. Every standard has a unique place in the continuum of learning, but each standard will not require the same amount of time and attention. A deep understanding of the vertical articulation of the standards will enable educators to make the best instructional decisions. These standards must also be complemented by robust, evidence-based instructional practices to support overall student development. By utilizing strategic and intentional instructional practices, other areas such as STEM and employability skills can be integrated with the content standards.

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How to Read the Indiana Academic Standards for K-12 Science

Standard Number	Title	The title for a set of performance expectations is not necessarily unique and may be reused at several different grade levels.
Students who demonstrate understanding can:		
Standard Number	Performance Expectation: A statement that combines practices, core ideas, and crosscutting concepts together to describe how students can show what they have learned. [Clarification Statement: A statement that supplies examples or additional clarification to the performance expectation.]	
Essential		
Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	
	Disciplinary Core Ideas are concepts in science and engineering that have broad importance within and across disciplines as well as relevance in people's lives.	
	To be considered core, the ideas should meet at least two of the following criteria and ideally all four:	
Connections to the Nature of Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Have broad importance across multiple sciences or engineering disciplines or be a key organizing concept of a single discipline.Provide a key tool for understanding or investigating more complex ideas and solving problems.Relate to the interests and life experiences of students or be connected to societal or personal concerns that require scientific or technological knowledge.Be teachable and learnable over multiple grades at increasing levels of depth and sophistication.	
	Disciplinary ideas are grouped in four domains: the physical sciences; the life sciences; the earth and space sciences; and engineering, technology, and applications of science.	
	A disciplinary core idea is identified as “(secondary)” when the other featured disciplinary core ideas connect to the science and engineering practices and crosscutting concepts as the main focus of the performance expectation.	
Connections to Engineering, Technology and Applications of Science	A boundary statement, where applicable, provides guidance regarding the scope of a performance expectation.	
	Crosscutting Concepts	
	Crosscutting concepts are seven ideas such as Patterns and Cause and Effect, which are not specific to any one discipline but cut across them all.	
Connections to Engineering, Technology and Applications of Science	Crosscutting concepts have value because they provide students with connections and intellectual tools that are related across the differing areas of disciplinary content and can enrich their application of practices and their understanding of core ideas.	
	Connections to Engineering, Technology and Applications of Science	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">These connections are drawn from either the Disciplinary Core Ideas or Science and Engineering Practices.	

Note: Performance Expectations, Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Crosscutting Concepts appear as defined in the Next Generation Science Standards.

HS-PS1-1 Matter and its Interactions	
<p>Students who demonstrate understanding can:</p> <p>HS-PS1-1 Use the periodic table as a model to predict the relative properties of elements based on the patterns of electrons in the outermost energy level of atoms. [Clarification Statement: Examples of properties that could be predicted from patterns could include reactivity of metals, types of bonds formed, numbers of bonds formed, and reactions with oxygen.]</p> <p>Essential</p>	
<p>Science and Engineering Practices</p> <p>SEP.2: Developing and Using Models</p> <p>Modeling in 9-12 builds on K-8 and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed world(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a model to predict the relationships between systems or between components of a system. 	<p>Disciplinary Core Ideas</p> <p>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each atom has a charged substructure consisting of a nucleus, which is made of protons and neutrons, surrounded by electrons. The periodic table orders elements horizontally by the number of protons in the atom's nucleus and places those with similar chemical properties in columns. The repeating patterns of this table reflect patterns of outer electron states.
	<p>Crosscutting Concepts</p> <p>CC.1: Patterns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena.

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HS-PS1-2 Matter and its Interactions	
Students who demonstrate understanding can:	
HS-PS1-2 Essential	Construct and revise an explanation for the outcome of a simple chemical reaction based on the outermost electron states of atoms, trends in the periodic table, and knowledge of the patterns of chemical properties. [Clarification Statement: Examples of chemical reactions could include the reaction of sodium and chlorine, of carbon and oxygen, or of carbon and hydrogen.]
Science and Engineering Practices SEP.6: Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, and peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. 	Disciplinary Core Ideas PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The periodic table orders elements horizontally by the number of protons in the atom's nucleus and places those with similar chemical properties in columns. The repeating patterns of this table reflect patterns of outer electron states. PS1.B: Chemical Reactions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fact that atoms are conserved, together with knowledge of the chemical properties of the elements involved, can be used to describe and predict chemical reactions.
	Crosscutting Concepts CC.1: Patterns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena.

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HS-PS1-3 Matter and its Interactions	
<p>Students who demonstrate understanding can:</p> <p>HS-PS1-3 Plan and conduct an investigation to gather evidence to compare the structure of substances at the bulk scale to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on understanding the strengths of forces between particles, not on naming specific intermolecular forces (such as dipole-dipole). Examples of particles could include ions, atoms, molecules, and networked materials (such as graphite). Examples of bulk properties of substances could include the melting point and boiling point, vapor pressure, and surface tension.]</p>	
<p>Science and Engineering Practices</p> <p>SEP.3: Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</p> <p>Planning and carrying out investigations in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to include investigations that provide evidence for and test conceptual, mathematical, physical, and empirical models.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. 	<p>Disciplinary Core Ideas</p> <p>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The structure and interactions of matter at the bulk scale are determined by electrical forces within and between atoms. <p>Crosscutting Concepts</p> <p>CC.1: Patterns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena.

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HS-PS1-4 Matter and its Interactions	
Students who demonstrate understanding can:	
HS-PS1-4 Essential	Develop a model to illustrate that the release or absorption of energy from a chemical reaction system depends upon the changes in total bond energy. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the idea that a chemical reaction is a system that affects the energy change. Examples of models could include molecular-level drawings and diagrams of reactions, graphs showing the relative energies of reactants and products, and representations showing energy is conserved.]
Science and Engineering Practices SEP.2: Developing and Using Models Modeling in 9-12 builds on K-8 and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. 	Disciplinary Core Ideas PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A stable molecule has less energy than the same set of atoms separated; one must provide at least this energy in order to take the molecule apart. PS1.B: Chemical Reactions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemical processes, their rates, and whether or not energy is stored or released can be understood in terms of the collisions of molecules and the rearrangements of atoms into new molecules, with consequent changes in the sum of all bond energies in the set of molecules that are matched by changes in kinetic energy.
	Crosscutting Concepts CC.5: Energy and Matter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system.

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HS-PS1-5 Matter and its Interactions	
<p>Students who demonstrate understanding can:</p> <p>HS-PS1-5 Apply scientific principles and evidence to provide an explanation about the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on student reasoning that focuses on the number and energy of collisions between molecules.]</p>	
<p>Science and Engineering Practices</p> <p>SEP.6: Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</p> <p>Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply scientific principles and evidence to provide an explanation of phenomena and solve design problems, taking into account possible unanticipated effects. 	<p>Disciplinary Core Ideas</p> <p>PS1.B: Chemical Reactions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemical processes, their rates, and whether or not energy is stored or released can be understood in terms of the collisions of molecules and the rearrangements of atoms into new molecules, with consequent changes in the sum of all bond energies in the set of molecules that are matched by changes in kinetic energy. <p>Crosscutting Concepts</p> <p>CC.1: Patterns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena.

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HS-PS1-6 Matter and its Interactions	
<p>Students who demonstrate understanding can:</p> <p>HS-PS1-6 Refine the design of a chemical system by specifying a change in conditions that would produce increased amounts of products at equilibrium. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the application of Le Chatelier's Principle and on refining designs of chemical reaction systems, including descriptions of the connection between changes made at the macroscopic level and what happens at the molecular level. Examples of designs could include different ways to increase product formation including adding reactants or removing products.]</p>	
<p>Science and Engineering Practices</p> <p>SEP.6: Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</p> <p>Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. 	<p>Disciplinary Core Ideas</p> <p>PS1.B: Chemical Reactions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In many situations, a dynamic and condition-dependent balance between a reaction and the reverse reaction determines the numbers of all types of molecules present. <p>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria may need to be broken down into simpler ones that can be approached systematically, and decisions about the priority of certain criteria over others (trade-offs) may be needed. (<i>secondary</i>)
	<p>Crosscutting Concepts</p> <p>CC.7: Stability and Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Much of science deals with constructing explanations of how things change and how they remain stable.

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HS-PS1-7 Matter and its Interactions	
Students who demonstrate understanding can:	
HS-PS1-7 Essential	Use mathematical representations to support the claim that atoms, and therefore mass, are conserved during a chemical reaction. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using mathematical ideas to communicate the proportional relationships between masses of atoms in the reactants and the products, and the translation of these relationships to the macroscopic scale using the mole as the conversion from the atomic to the macroscopic scale. Emphasis is on assessing students' use of mathematical thinking and not on memorization and rote application of problem-solving techniques.]
Science and Engineering Practices SEP.5: Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking Mathematical and computational thinking at the 9-12 level builds on K-8 and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use mathematical representations of phenomena to support claims. 	Disciplinary Core Ideas PS1.B: Chemical Reactions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fact that atoms are conserved, together with knowledge of the chemical properties of the elements involved, can be used to describe and predict chemical reactions.
	Crosscutting Concepts CC.5: Energy and Matter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total amount of energy and matter in closed systems is conserved. <p>-----</p> <p>Connections to Nature of Science</p> <p>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science assumes the universe is a vast single system in which basic laws are consistent.

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HS-PS1-8 Matter and its Interactions	
Students who demonstrate understanding can:	
HS-PS1-8 Develop models to illustrate the changes in the composition of the nucleus of the atom and the energy released during the processes of fission, fusion, and radioactive decay. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on simple qualitative models, such as pictures or diagrams, and on the scale of energy released in nuclear processes relative to other kinds of transformations.]	
Science and Engineering Practices SEP.2: Developing and Using Models Modeling in 9-12 builds on K-8 and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. 	Disciplinary Core Ideas PS1.C: Nuclear Processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nuclear processes, including fusion, fission, and radioactive decays of unstable nuclei, involve release or absorption of energy. The total number of neutrons plus protons does not change in any nuclear process.
	Crosscutting Concepts CC.5: Energy and Matter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In nuclear processes, atoms are not conserved, but the total number of protons plus neutrons is conserved.

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HS-PS3-1 Energy	
Students who demonstrate understanding can:	
HS-PS3-1 Create a computational model to calculate the change in the energy of one component in a system when the change in energy of the other component(s) and energy flows in and out of the system are known. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on explaining the meaning of mathematical expressions used in the model.]	
Science and Engineering Practices SEP.5: Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking Mathematical and computational thinking at the 9-12 level builds on K-8 and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis; a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials, and logarithms; and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a computational model or simulation of a phenomenon, designed device, process, or system. 	Disciplinary Core Ideas PS3.A: Definitions of Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy is a quantitative property of a system that depends on the motion and interactions of matter and radiation within that system. That there is a single quantity called energy is due to the fact that a system's total energy is conserved, even as, within the system, energy is continually transferred from one object to another and between its various possible forms. PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation of energy means that the total change of energy in any system is always equal to the total energy transferred into or out of the system. Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but it can be transported from one place to another and transferred between systems. Mathematical expressions, which quantify how the stored energy in a system depends on its configuration (e.g., relative positions of charged particles, compression of a spring) and how kinetic energy depends on mass and speed, allow the concept of conservation of energy to be used to predict and describe system behavior. The availability of energy limits what can occur in any system.
	Crosscutting Concepts SEP.4: Systems and System Models <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Models can be used to predict the behavior of a system, but these predictions have limited precision and reliability due to the assumptions and approximations inherent in models. <p>-----</p> <p>Connections to Nature of Science</p> <p>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science assumes the universe is a vast single system in which basic laws are consistent.

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HS-PS3-2 Energy	
<p>Students who demonstrate understanding can:</p> <p>HS-PS3-2 Develop and use models to illustrate that energy at the macroscopic scale can be accounted for as a combination of energy associated with the motions of particles (objects) and energy associated with the relative positions of particles (objects). [Clarification Statement: Examples of phenomena at the macroscopic scale could include the conversion of kinetic energy to thermal energy, the energy stored due to position of an object above the earth, and the energy stored between two electrically-charged plates. Examples of models could include diagrams, drawings, descriptions, and computer simulations.]</p>	
<p>Science and Engineering Practices</p> <p>SEP.2: Developing and Using Models</p> <p>Modeling in 9-12 builds on K-8 and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. 	<p>Disciplinary Core Ideas</p> <p>PS3.A: Definitions of Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy is a quantitative property of a system that depends on the motion and interactions of matter and radiation within that system. That there is a single quantity called energy is due to the fact that a system's total energy is conserved, even as, within the system, energy is continually transferred from one object to another and between its various possible forms. At the macroscopic scale, energy manifests itself in multiple ways, such as in motion, sound, light, and thermal energy. These relationships are better understood at the microscopic scale, at which all of the different manifestations of energy can be modeled as a combination of energy associated with the motion of particles and energy associated with the configuration (relative position of the particles). In some cases, the relative position energy can be thought of as stored in fields (which mediate interactions between particles). This last concept includes radiation, a phenomenon in which energy stored in fields moves across space. <p>Crosscutting Concepts</p> <p>CC.5: Energy and Matter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy cannot be created or destroyed; it only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems.

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HS-PS3-4 Energy	
<p>Students who demonstrate understanding can:</p> <p>HS-PS3-4 Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that the transfer of thermal energy when two components of different temperature are combined within a closed system results in a more uniform energy distribution among the components in the system (second law of thermodynamics). [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on analyzing data from student investigations and using mathematical thinking to describe the energy changes both quantitatively and conceptually. Examples of investigations could include mixing liquids at different initial temperatures or adding objects at different temperatures to water.]</p>	
<p>Science and Engineering Practices</p> <p>SEP.3: Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</p> <p>Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to include investigations that provide evidence for and test conceptual, mathematical, physical, and empirical models.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. 	<p>Disciplinary Core Ideas</p> <p>PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but it can be transported from one place to another and transferred between systems. Uncontrolled systems always evolve toward more stable states—that is, toward more uniform energy distribution (e.g., water flows downhill, objects hotter than their surrounding environment cool down). <p>PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although energy cannot be destroyed, it can be converted to less useful forms — for example, to thermal energy in the surrounding environment.
	<p>Crosscutting Concepts</p> <p>CC.4: Systems and System Models</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When investigating or describing a system, the boundaries and initial conditions of the system need to be defined and their inputs and outputs analyzed and described using models.

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